



East Texas Review

RE: BROADBAND INDUSTRY PRACTICES, WC DOCKET 07-52

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My name is Joycelyne Fadojutimi. The East Texas Review Newspaper was founded in April 1996 by a group of concerned citizens led by Robert A Fadojutimi, and later by me, to disseminate positive and edifying news to a community that was significantly divided by fear, distrust, and lack of communication. We focus on continuously publishing positive and edifying news about people, places and business in order to facilitate a positive change in individuals, organizations, groups, the entire East Texas community and global village.

As a content author, you might think I support "net neutrality" and its claim to protect my online content from nefarious Internet service providers and their preferred content. As a journalist and publisher, I know better. "Net neutrality" is just a scheme to protect the business models of companies – some of them very, very large – who want to make money without risking their own capital, at the expense of companies who risk their capital daily to provide Internet connectivity.

From my perspective, "net neutrality" would be like my having to run any story anyone wanted to put in our newspaper. As the owner of the paper, I would be compelled to print whatever I was given, without regard to whether it matched our newspaper's mission or met our community's needs (or whether it was factually correct, or non-libelous, or in complete sentences). I own the medium, therefore I must carry the message. That's absurd, of course, but the same principles are in play with the Internet service providers, and it's just as absurd.

In East Texas, we are still building on-ramps to the Information Superhighway. As far as our web site is concerned, the only people who cannot access its content are those who are not yet online. Expanding broadband access is a laudable goal – one embraced by President Obama himself – and a far better exercise than regulating whose content must be carried by whose pipe.

We don't need a government regulator to help us spread the good news about our East Texas neighbors. We could use some more broadband, though, so more East Texans can read our good news and anything else they wish to read while online.

Thank you for your consideration, and have a wonderful day.

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